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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HUSSEIN VISIT TO EGYPT

1. TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS SADAT YESTERDAY HAD TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH ASAD AND HUSSEIN. IN COURSE OF TELECON WITH USSEIN, HE HAD INVITED THE KING TO VISIT EGYPT.

2. WHEN MEETING WITH SADAT THIS AFTERNOON, HE BROACHED THE SUBJECT. ACCORDING TO HIS ACCOUNT, HUSSEIN INITIATED THE CALL AND "INVITED HIMSELF TO VISIT EGYPT." ALTHOUGH SADAT INDICATED HE HAS NOTHING SPECIFIC TO DISCUSS WITH HUSSEIN, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE AGREED THAT THE KING MIGHT COME NEXT THURSDAY, JANUARY 13. WITH SOME AMUSEMENT, SADAT RECOUNTED THAT THERE APPEAR AGAIN TO BE SOME STRAINS BETWEEN ASAD AND HUSSEIN. HE HAD TELEPHONED ASAD AFTER HUSSEIN'S CALL IN ORDER TO INFORM THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT ABOUT THE KING'S UPCOMING VISIT. ASAD HAD NOTED SOMEWHAT BITINGLY THAT HUSSEIN SEEMS TO BE BACKING AWAY FROM PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON UNITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH SYRIA.

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3. IN RESPONSE MY QUERY ABOUT SADAT'S WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW, IN WHICH HE INDICATED NEED FOR SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A PALESTINIAN STATE AND JORDAN, SADAT INSISTED THAT THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS POSITION. HE EMPHASIZED HIS VIEW THAT SUCH A RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE "OFFICIAL AND DECLARED." HE HAD PUBLICLY RE-AFFIRMED THIS POSITION BECAUSE OF RECENT RABIN STATE-

MENTS AND ALSO BECAUSE OF HUSSEIN. ASKED
HOW THE PLO HAD REACTED, VP MUBARAK (WHO WAS ALSO
PRESENT) STATED THERE HAVE BEEN WEST BANK DEMONSTRATIONS
IN FAVOR OF SADAT'S CONCEPT. SADAT COMMENTED
THAT PLO LEADERS HERE HAVE TAKEN IT CALMLY. THEY HAVE OPINED
THERE SHOULD FIRST BE A PALESTINIAN STATE, WHICH COULD THEN EFFECT
SOME SORT OF ASSOCIATION WITH JORDAN ON THE BASIS OF THE FREE WILL OF
THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE. SADAT SAID HE AGREES WITH THIS SEQUENCE.
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